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TAGS: PREL PGOV PHUM MOPS RW US
SUBJECT: RWANDAN EMBASSY TOLD TO STOP PASSING THE HAT

REF: STATE 131212

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. ON MAY 27, AF ACTING A/S BRYNN CONVOKED

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RWANDAN AMBASSADOR UWIMANA TO PROTEST THE EMBASSY'S CIRCULATING OF A LETTER TO COLLECT FUNDS FOR THE GOR WAR EFFORT. BRYNN SAID THIS ACTIVITY WAS AN EGREGIOUS VIOLATION OF DIPLOMATIC STATUS. UWIMANA AGREED TO COMPLY WITH BRYNN'S REQUEST THAT THE EMBASSY CEASE THIS ACTIVITY AND CLOSE THE BANK ACCOUNT IT HAD SET UP TO COLLECT THE FUNDS. LATER THAT DAY, THE EMBASSY'S NUMBER TWO, BONIFACE KARANI, DELIVERED AN URGENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE, FAXED THAT DAY FROM RWANDA, OBJECTING TO ALLEGED U.S. BIAS AGAINST THE GOR. RWANDA DESKOFF AISTON REAFFIRMED USG POSITION OF NEUTRALITY. END SUMMARY

U.S. DEMARCHE AGAINST GOR FUNDS SOLICITATION

3. THE RWANDAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN CIRCULATING A LETTER (TEXT IN PARA. 11), SIGNED BY AMB. UWIMANA AND ADDRESSED TO "CHER(E) COMPATRIOT(E)", ADVISING THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RWANDAN ARMY CAN BE MADE TO A SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT
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SET UP BY THE RWANDAN EMBASSY. IN A MAY 13 MEETING WITH AMB. UWIMANA (REFTEL), DAS BUSHNELL TOLD UWIMANA THAT THIS ACTIVITY WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR AN EMBASSY AND THAT HIS JOB IN THE U.S. WAS TO CONDUCT BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., NOT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE MILITARY. REFTEL FURTHER NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT WAS REVIEWING THE LETTER TO CONSIDER WHETHER ADDITIONAL STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN.

4. FOLLOWING REVIEW OF THE LETTER, DAS BRYNN CONVOKED AMBASSADOR UWIMANA ON MAY 27 TO INFORM HIM THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THIS ACTIVITY UNACCEPTABLE. BRYNN TOLD UWIMANA THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE ALLOWING THE EMBASSY TO SOLICIT FUNDS IN THIS MANNER AND THAT THE LETTER IN QUESTION REPRESENTED AN EGREGIOUS VIOLATION OF THE EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC STATUS. HE DEMANDED THAT THE EMBASSY CEASE SOLICITING FUNDS AND CLOSE OUT THIS SPECIAL ACCOUNT. RWANDA DESKOFF AISTON, ALSO IN ATTENDANCE, ADDED THAT IN LIGHT OF THE UN ARMS EMBARGO ON RWANDA AND THE SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY GOR FORCES, WE CONSIDERED THE EMBASSY'S ACTIONS TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE VIENNA CONVENTION.

5. UWIMANA SAID THE ACCOUNT HAS EXISTED SINCE THE WAR

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BEGAN IN 1990 AND WAS CREATED BECAUSE RWANDANS IN THE U.S. WANTED TO KNOW WHERE THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE WAR EFFORT. HOWEVER, HE TOLD BRYNN THAT IF THE USG DEEMS THIS ACTIVITY INAPPROPRIATE, THE EMBASSY WILL COMPLY WITH THE USG'S REQUEST TO CEASE THE ACTIVITY AND CLOSE THE ACCOUNT. BRYNN SAID THAT WE APPRECIATED THE EMBASSY'S COMPLIANCE AND, FOR THE RECORD, HANDED UWIMANA A

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NON-PAPER SUMMARIZING THE USG POINTS ON THIS ISSUE.

UWIMANA RAISES ALLEGED BIAS

6. BRYNN SAID WE HAVE BEEN APPALLED BY THE EVENTS IN RWANDA AND HAD JUST SENT A TEAM TO NEW YORK TO DISCUSS WITH THE UN HOW THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MIGHT BEST ASSIST. HE NOTED THAT THE CONTINUING INSECURITY MADE ANY INITIATIVE DIFFICULT. HE SAID WE WANT TO WORK WITH THE UN TO STOP THE KILLINGS AND NEED THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES TO LET THE UN GO IN TO ACHIEVE THIS HUMANITARIAN GOAL.

7. UWIMANA REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE U.S. HAD DONE ALL IT COULD TO GET THE PARTIES TO THE TABLE AND THAT HE BELIEVED THE U.S. HAD TAKEN SIDES IN THE CONFLICT. BRYNN ASSURED UWIMANA THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE; THE U.S. WAS NEUTRAL AND WAS WORKING TO HELP RWANDANS TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

EMBASSY DELIVERS DIP NOTE ON ALLEGED BIAS

8. LATER THAT DAY, THE EMBASSY'S NUMBER TWO, BONIFACE KARANI, REQUESTED AN URGENT APPOINTMENT TO DELIVER A MESSAGE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. DESKOFF AISTON RECEIVED HIM AND WAS GIVEN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE, FAXED THAT DAY FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN RWANDA, WHICH "EXPRESSED

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FRUSTRATION OVER THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S PATENT PARTIALITY IN ITS BEHAVIOR TOWARD THE TWO (WARRING) PARTIES." AS EVIDENCE OF THIS ALLEGED PARTIALITY, THE NOTE POINTS TO THE USG'S REFUSAL OF A VISA TO THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE SUBSEQUENT GRANTING OF A VISA TO THE RPF'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VICE PRESIDENT (PATRICK MAZIMHAKA) .

9. AFTER READING THE NOTE, AISTON ASKED KARANI TO TELL HIS GOVERNMENT THAT THE U.S. REMAINS COMPLETELY NEUTRAL. AISTON POINTED OUT THAT THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN MINISTER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO OUR CHARGE IN PARIS, THAT WE HAVE SPOKEN TO OTHER HIGH-LEVEL GOR OFFICIALS IN OTHER LOCATIONS OUTSIDE THE U.S., AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO MEET REGULARLY WITH THE EMBASSY. HE ASSURED KARANI THAT WE INTENDED TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THIS DIALOGUE GOING TO MAKE OUR POINTS AND HELP ASSIST IN RESTORING PEACE. HOWEVER, AS WE HAD TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WE WOULD NOT RECEIVE HIGH-LEVEL GOR DELEGATIONS IN WASHINGTON AS LONG AS THE KILLING CONTINUED BEHIND GOR LINES.

10. KARANI OBJECTED TO THIS LAST POINT AND SAID THAT KILLINGS WERE OCCURRING ON BOTH SIDES AND THAT THE KILLINGS IN THE GOR ZONE WERE BEING DONE BY ROVING GANGS OUTSIDE GOR CONTROL. AISTON REPLIED THAT OUR INFORMATION SHOWED THAT MOST OF THE ATROCITIES WERE HAPPENING BEHIND GOR LINES AND THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT TO STOP THESE KILLINGS. IF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WAS IN FACT UNABLE TO CONTROL THIS MASSIVE VIOLENCE, AS KARANI CLAIMED, THEN ONE HAD TO

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WONDER WHETHER IT HAD ANY REAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY AT ALL. KARANI SEEMED TO ACCEPT THIS LAST POINT AND THE DISCUSSION TRAILED OFF FROM THERE.

11. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF LETTER EMBASSY HAD BEEN CIRCULATING:

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR COMPATRIOT,

MANY AMONG YOU HAVE EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO BE INFORMED OF THE BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER INTO WHICH THEY (SIC) COULD

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DEPOSIT OR TRANSFER THEIR CONTRIBUTION OF SUPPORT TO THE
RWANDAN ARMED FORCES.

PLEASE FIND BELOW THE INFORMATION FOR SAID BANK ACCOUNT:

NAME OF ACCOUNT: EMBASSY OF RWANDA
NO. OF ACCOUNT: 17 124 077
ABA: 054 0000 30

OPENED AT: THE RIGGS NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
ADDRESS: 1913 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.
20074

DEAR COMPATRIOTS, PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

ALOYS UWIMANA
AMBASSADOR

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END TEXT

12. BUJUMBURA - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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